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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
LEONARD et al.)
Serial No.: 09/512,701)
Filed: February 25, 2000)
For: USE OF IL-12 ANTAGONISTS)
IN THE TREATMENT OF)
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS)

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Applicants file this paper in reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 28, 2001.

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REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 16-20 are pending in this application, and the Examiner has rejected all of the claims. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for granting an interview with Rebecca McNeill and Todd Rands to discuss the enablement rejection raised in the latest Office Action. A brief summary of that interview, along with the additional arguments supporting enablement that were discussed with the Examiner, are provided below.

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